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2nd MEETING.

Thursday, the $\frac{\textit{2nd of February 1939}}{\textit{20th of Makaram 1114}}$.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President, (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, E. Ikkanda Warriar, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, Ismail Hajee Essa Sait, P. Govinda Menon, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar, C. Kunjan Nambudiripad, H. J. Walmesley, and Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

VEGETABLES REQUIRED FOR CENTRAL JAIL, MENTAL HOSPITAL, ETC.—SUPPLY OF.

151. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has any objection to order that the vegetables required for the Central Jail, Mental Hospital and the Hospitals at Trichur should be purchased from the Central Farm?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No. But the question of supplying vegetables to the Hospitals at Trichur can be considered when their actual requirements are known and according to the production in the Central Farm. Supply of vegetables to Central Jail could not be considered as it is seven miles away from the Farm.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know whether the Government will take steps to ascertain the cost?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): We will take steps in the light of this question.

MANURE DEPOTS—OPENING OF.

152. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to start Government manure depots attached to every Village Panchayat Office?

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is not possible to open manure depots attached to each Panchayat Office at Government cost, since it involves heavy expenditure.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Can't the Government open depots at suitable centres ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): For the information of the House, let me say that the estimated expenditure for a depot will be Rs. 2,000 to start with. Then there will be a recurring expenditure of about Rs. 200 a year.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): My question is why not the Government start depots at suitable centres ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The matter will be considered. What I now want to convey to the House is, that the proposition should be a paying concern. What I mean by that is, we do not want to make profit out of it, but that the Government cannot afford to incur any loss. The Panchayats and the Co-operative Societies in the locality can themselves arrange with the farmers for the supply of the manure. The Department will be then rendering all help necessary. If the Government have to start themselves, it will be a very costly affair.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will it not be possible for the Co-operative Department to take up this matter ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The suggestion will be considered.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ഏതെങ്കിലും വില്ലേജിലെ കൃഷിക്കാരിൽനിന്ന വളം കിട്ടണമെന്ന പറഞ്ഞു വല്ല അപേക്ഷയും കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: ഉ ഉം വില്ലേജുകളുണ്ട്. അതിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും വില്ലേജിൽനിന്ന അപേക്ഷ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്ന ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ അറിയണമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ നോട്ടീസ് വേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: വല്ല വില്ലേജിൽനിന്നും അപേക്ഷ കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: അതു് ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. അന്വേഷിച്ചു പറയാം.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): The Hon'ble Minister is speaking about the expenditure. Then why can't these be run on business lines ?

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I have already given you what expenditure we will have to incur on these depots. Then we have to consider whether we can run them without incurring any loss. Further I wish to bring to the notice of the House that our villages have no cluster of houses. The houses in our villages are very distant so that we cannot run these on business lines.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Will the Government inform the House as to what will be the initial cost for one depot?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): According to the advice given to me by the Department, it is Rs. 2,000 to start with and Rs. 200 recurring every year.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): What is this Rs. 2,000 for?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): To put up a shed for keeping this manure. The building and the necessary accessories will cost Rs. 2,000. That is the information I have gathered from the Department.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): If the building is rented in the first instance, will Rs. 2,000 be necessary?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No. But then the rent will have to be paid. If the recurring expenditure of Rs. 200 and the rent we have to pay are taken into account, both of these will come up to a good amount.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): My suggestion was to open these at suitable centres and not in every village.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): That will be considered. I think even now there are certain depots at certain suitable centres.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES—MARKETING FACILITIES, ETC.

153. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it thinks of opening any Government Depots for the purchase of the products of cottage industries;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to take some effective step at improving the market for the products of the cottage industries?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) and (*b*) The question of providing marketing facilities for the

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